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Co, 2/17th Cavalry

CG, 101st Abn Div (AmB) ATTN: G3

Subject: Commander's Situation Report

REF: Provided B 2/17 with 3 UH1H's in support of attempted extraction of downed UH1H.

A 2/17: Conducted Cav Tm VR coverage on RT 616 and RT T4. Provided Cav Tm VR support in response to report of 1/77 Armor receiving in coming, per request of G-3. Provided Cav Tm VR coverage in Recon zones 2, 3, 4 & 5. At 0924H an AH1G rec'd 15 to 20 rds of SAF with neg hits. Vic KD 900253, engaged with unknown results. At 0924H an AH1G rec'd 8 to 10 rds of 12.7 mm Vic KD 890252 with neg hits engaged with unknown results. At 0847H A Tm observed a 10'x6' bri dge, Vic KD 964303, engaged resulting in one bridge destroyed. At 0907H A Tm observed a 4'x12' pit Vic KD 926297, engaged resulting in one pit destroyed. At 09074 A Tm observed 1 12.7 position with out a weapon, Vic KD 905205, engaged resulting in one position de stroyed. At 0915H Tm observed 1 10x5' Leanto Vic KD 900274, engag ed resulting in one Leanto destroyed. At 0915H a Tm observed 2 8x10' bunkers Vic 902268 engaged resulting in 1 bunker damaged and 1 bunker destroyed. At 1136H an AH1G rec'd 20 to 30 rds of SAF Vic KD 774257, neg hits, engaged resulting in one NVA KHE. At 1209H an AH1G rec'd r rds SAF Vic KD 872226 with neg hits, engaged with unknown results. At 1221H an AH1G rec'd 20 to 40 rds SAF Vic KD 613226, with neg hits. Engaged resulting in 1 NVA KHE.

B 2/17: Provided support of the extraction of the Ranger Tm Bupal at 1118H. Provided Cav Tm coverage and ARP in an attempt to extract downed UH1H aircraft, Vic YC 80971. The aircraft caught fire be fore it could be recovered resulting in 4 US KIA. The ARP were inserted at 1407H and extracted at 1500H. Bots 12 and P2 were green. Conducted first light of rocket belt, but was unable to conduct last light of rocket belt, Eagle Perimeter or 1st Bde VR missions due to inclement weather and priority of other missions. At 0755H a UH1H Vic 872793 rec'd untermn amount of SAF, engaged resulting in 1 NVA KHE.

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C 2/17: Provided Cav Tm VR coverage in Recon Zones 7,8,&9. Conducted VR along RTB 548, T5, T6, T7, T8, . Reacted to sensor activations in the A. O. Provided 4 UH1H aircraft and ARF as an IRF standingby at Phu Bai. At 0900H, Vic 4D 310056 A Tm observed 2-5 NVA in green shirts and Black pants and weapons, engaged, resulting in 2 NVA KBH and 2 AK-47 destroyed. At 0900H an OH6A rec'd 10-15 rds SAF Vic 4D 310056 with neg hits, engaged with unknown results. At 0902H an AH1G rec'd 15 to 20 rds at SAF Vic YD 310056 with neg hits, engaged with unknown results.

Subject: Planned Summary

REF: 1. Provide 3 UH1H and 1 C&C on standby at Camp Eagle.

A 2/17: 1. Provide necessary assets for screen of 3rd Bde extraction
2. Continue to provide Cav Tm VR coverage in Vic of RZ's 2-6 with emphases on RT 616.

B 2/17: 1. Support 1st Bde
2. Continue to provide Cav Tm VR coverage in Recon Zones 9 thru 12 with emphases on T5, T6, T8, 547 and 548.
3. Conduct last light of Eagle Perimeter
4. Support the Rangers

C 2/17: 1. Continue to Recon RZ's 7 & 8 with emphases on RTs 922, 9222, T7 and 548 (In RZ 8)
2. Conduct first and last light of Phu Bai rocket belt
3. IRF 091800 to 101800

D 2/17: Provide 2 plts on 1 hour standby at Camp Eagle as IRF.

Hac Bao: Stand down

L co: Prepare for future operations.

C 7/17: Go opcon to parent unit

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